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SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA OPERA THEATRE "TROUBLE IN
TAHITI" AND LEONARD BERNSTEIN REVUE

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1. UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA OPERA TOURING IN YUGOSLAVIA
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AUGUST 10-17 (3 CONCERTS) AND CARINTHIAN SUMMER IN
VILLACH, AUSTRIA AUGUST 18 TO 21 (2 CONCERTS) IN PROGRAM
CONSISTING OF CHAMBER OPERA "TROUBLE IN TAHITI" AS HALF OF
PROGRAM; SECOND HALF CONSISTS OF EXCERPTS FROM BERNSTEIN'S
MUSICAL THEATRE PIECES SUCH AS CANDIDE; ON THE TOWN, ETC.
FYI: OPR:ERA IS ABOUT COUPLE IN TYPICAL AMERICAN SUBURB
WHOSE MARRIAGE IS DETERIORATING.

2. TWO MEMBERS OF DEPT'S PANEL ON ACADEMIC MUSIC EVALUATED RECENT PERFORMANCE AS FOLLOWS: "PERFORMANCE FIRST RATE IN EVERY RESPECT, VOICES ARE MATURE AND EQUAL OF BEST YOUNG PROFESSIONALS ANY WHERE, PACE LIVELY AND SHOW ENTERTAINING. WORK IS SOMEWHAT DATED BUT STUDENTS MANAGE TO MAKE IT CONVINCING.

3. OTHER COMMENTS ARE "IMAGINATIVELY CONCEIVED AND QUITE WELL EXECUTED. THE VOICE (ESPECIALLY THE SOPRANO) WERE QUITE GOOD. IT IS NOT A TWENTIETH CENTURY MASTER PIECE LENT, CAPABLE OF BEING USED ON AN OPERA STAGE, IN A GYMNASIUM OR KIBBUTZ. THEY PLAN TO CARRY FIVE KEY MEMBERS OF ORCHESTRA... WILL DO SOUND, PROFESSIONAL JOB.

4. GROUP CONSISTS OF 25 INCLUDING MUSICIANS, DANCERS, SINGERS, TECHNICAL CREW PLUS HALF-TRUCK LOAD OF PROPS. SET IN TWO LARGE HAMPERS TRAVEL AND PER DIEM ONLY COSTS. NO SALARIES REQUIRED. HOWEVER PROF. HELMUT WOBISCH OF CARINTHISCHER SOMMER WHO HAS OBTAINED THE DATES IN AUSTRIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, ADVISED GROUP HE HOPES NO OTHER DATES IN AUSTRIA WILL BE ARRANGED AND HE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ANY HELP TOWARD INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SINCE HE HAS PAID ENTIRE AMOUNT.
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